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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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For: **METHOD FOR STIMULATING CELL GROWTH USING SPONGE PROTEIN HYDROLYSATES**



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- (X) This application is a continuation of prior application 09/665,848.
- (X) 2 sheet(s) of Drawings.
- (X) A copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney, Recordation Form Cover sheet and Assignment from prior application are enclosed.
- (X) This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from Japanese Patent application No. 2000-102424, filed on April 4, 2000.
- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.
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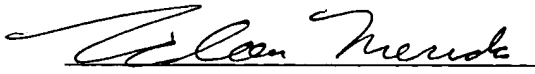
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